

# About The OWASP Application Security Codes of Conduct Project

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## Introduction

In order to achieve its mission, OWASP needs to take advantage of every opportunity to affect software development everywhere.

<https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About_The_Open_Web_Application_Security_Project>

At the OWASP Summit 2011 in Portugal, the idea was created to try to influence various groups active in the application security space. The concept was to define a set of minimal requirements for these organizations specifying what OWASP believes to be the most effective way to support its mission. These requirements are called a “code of conduct” to imply that these are normative standards, in that they represent a minimum baseline, and are not difficult to achieve. The latest version of this document, and all the Codes of Conduct, can be found at:

<https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct>

## Format and content

Each Application Security Code of Conduct is comprised of a small number of mandatory items (the Code of Conduct) and a few other optional recommendations. There are six Codes of Conduct:

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| [**OWASP Green Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Government_Bodies) |  | [**OWASP Blue Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Educational_Institutions) |  | [**OWASP Yellow Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Standards_Groups) |
| The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Government Bodies |  | The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Educational Institutions |  | The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Standards Groups |
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| [**OWASP Purple Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Trade_Organizations) |  | [**OWASP Red Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Certifying_Bodies) |  | [**OWASP Gray Book**](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct#Development_Organizations) |
| The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Trade Organizations |  | The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Certifying Bodies |  | The OWASP Application Security Code of Conduct for Development Organizations |

## Compliance

There is no formal compliance methodology or register. Organizations wishing to announce their compliance with this Code of Conduct should read the associated information on statements of compliance:

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Codes\_of\_Conduct#compliance](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Codes_of_Conduct%23compliance)

## Contributors

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<https://lists.owasp.org/mailman/listinfo/owasp-codes-of-conduct>